

# **JAMES PERRY CARTER AND WIFE.**

## **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

James Perry Carter was the son of Josiah Carter and Rebecca Perry, and was born February 23, 1827, in Clutton, Somersetshire, England. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on October 17, 1848, by Edward Roberts. He was ordained an elder in 1852 by James T. Powell.

On February 12, 1853, he married Harriett Wood, a daughter of John Wood and Mary Parry, who was born June 6, 1830, in Michael Church, Herefordshire, England, and who had joined the same church as Mr. Carter in 1844.

In 1861 this family emigrated to Utah, crossing the ocean on the ship Manchester, and the plains in Captain Daniel Jones' company. They came direct to Lehi, where they have since resided except for six years they lived in Salt Lake City.

Carter was ordained a seventy November 28, 1862, and a high priest April 1, 1894. For twenty years he was leader of the Lehi choir. He also took a great interest in education and for thirteen years was identified, with the public schools in the capacity of school trustee. Eight children came to bless this family, four of whom grew up to maturity. They are: Catherine Esther (Mrs. Mosiah Evans), Mary Ann Rosalee (Mrs. Charles Woodhouse, deceased) James, and Clara (Mrs. Ed. Mowry).

The Carter family were among the early settlers "over the creek" and have been active in all social, political, and religious work in that neighborhood and were esteemed as highly respectable citizens. On April 11, 1894, the mother, who was a most estimable woman, died, and about two years later Mr. Carter married Amy Smith, late of England, with whom he lived to the time of his death which occurred October 11, 1898.